

## **COLOR SELECTION METHOD**

### **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The present invention is directed to a color selection method,  
5 which includes the steps of selecting colors in accordance with  
identification criteria supplied, for example, by a vehicle manufacturer;  
displaying the colors in the form of color reference chips on the screen  
of a display unit attached to a computer; selecting a desired color chip  
from the color reference chips on the screen; accessing and displaying  
10 color formulas; and then finally selecting a desired color formula that  
lists all the ingredients needed to prepare a coating composition, such  
as automotive refinish paint or architectural paint, from the color  
formulas displayed on the screen. The technician can then mix the  
ingredients, such as tints, in the proportions provided in the desired  
15 color formula to make the coating composition. If desired, the method  
further includes sending the desired color formula to a weighing scale  
or a tint dispenser attached to the computer so that the ingredients  
listed in the desired formula can be weighed or dispensed  
automatically.